

## VA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs information technology infrastructure reorganization assessment, focusing on the role of the Chief Information Officer in effectively managing information technology, after receiving testimony from Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Man-

agement Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Paul Wohlleben, Grant Thornton LLP, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Information Technology Association of America.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 34 public bills, H.R. 4090–4123; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69; H. Con. Res. 269–272; and H. Res. 504–505 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act:** The House passed S. 397, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others, by a yea-and-nay vote of 283 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 534—clearing the measure for the President.

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H. Res. 493, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Tuesday, October 18th, by voice vote.

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the recent earthquake in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan.

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**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the DeLauro motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2744, to make appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, which was debated yesterday, October 19th, by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 535.

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**Appointed as Conferees:** Representatives Bonilla, Kingston, Latham, Emerson, Goode, LaHood, Doo-

little, Alexander, Lewis of California, DeLauro, Hinchey, Farr, Boyd, Kaptur, and Obey.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, October 24th, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25th, for Morning Hour Debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 26th.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8987.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1736 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and S. 1894 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9010–11 and H9011. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### VA HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on VA Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Testimony was heard from Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.